offices for 1994-95 are yet to be finalised.

(c) No, Sir. All villages are covered by postal services. Out of 810 gram pinchayat vilages, 602 have post offices. Of the remaining 208 villages only 2 villages justify post offices as per present norms.

(d) Question does not arise in view of replies to (a) to (c) above.

STD facilities in Andhra Pradesh

920. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the proposed steps to extend STD facility to more pla ces in West Godaveri District in Andhra Pradesh in 1994-95; and

(b) if so, the details of measures proposed to be taken to extend STD in Kest Godavari in 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) (i) Digital Trunk Automatic Exchange of 1000 lines capacity has been planned at Eluru in West Godaveri.

(ii) 7 more places namely; Paravalli, Veeravasaram, Vendra, Vegeswarapuram; Gundugolam, Koyyalagudem and Nallajerla in West Godaveri District are proposed to be linked to the STD network during 94-95 subject to the availability of resource such as funds equipment, land building etc.

Change in proecdure for allotting ISD/STD booths

921. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have changed the priority pattern for allotting the ISD/STD booths to the weaker sections of the society;

(b) if so, the details with reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to review this decision;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereior?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(e) The policy of Department of Teleom. in the matters of allotment of STD/ISD payphone is in consonance with the programme of the Government to provide greater employment opprtunities to educated unemployed by way of allotment of payphones. However preference is given to the following categories of persons while selecting the allottees:

(a) Handicapped including blind persons.

(b) SC/ST applicants.

(c) Ex-servicemen/War Widows.

(d) Retired DOT employees or their dependent.

(e) Dependents of Freedom Fighters.

(f) Charitable Institutions/Hospitals.

Waiting list of telephones in Karnataka

922. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of waiting list of Telephones in Karnataka;

(b) whether Government are committed to clear this waiting list by